



FINAL AGENDA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

**WEDNESDAY, May 8, 2002
9:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

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1. **Approval of Agenda—Action**
2. **March Minutes—Adoption**
- 9:30 a.m. 3. **Welcome – King County Board of Health**
 - Carolyn Edmonds, Seattle-King County Board of Health Chair
- 9:45 a.m. 4. **Department of Health Update**
 - Mary Selecky, Department of Health Secretary
- 10:00 a.m. 5. **SBOH Staff Announcements and Other Board Business**
 - Don Sloma, WSBOH Executive Director
- 10:15 a.m. 6. **Newborn Screening Advisory Committee Recommendations**
 - Maxine Hayes, State Health Officer, Department of Health
 - Thomas Locke, WSBOH Member
 - Doreen Garcia, WSBOH Staff**- Board Discussion and Possible Action**
- 11:15 a.m. 7. **Public Hearing on Proposed Changes for WAC 246-100-206, 207 & 208 Aids/Pregnant Women**
 - Thomas Locke, WSBOH Member
 - Don Sloma, WSBOH Staff**- Public Hearing for Adoption (Public Testimony will be Taken)**
- Board Discussion and Possible Action
- 12:30 p.m. **LUNCH**
- 2:00 p.m. 8. **Children's Health & Well-Being Workplan**
 - Vickie Ybarra, WSBOH Member
 - Doreen Garcia, WSBOH Staff**- Board Discussion and Possible Action**
- 2:15 p.m. 9. **Follow-up on Efforts to Improve Health Workforce Diversity**
 - Joe Finkbonner, WSBOH Member
 - Vickie Ybarra, WSBOH Member
 - Margaret Pageler, WSBOH Member
 - Marianne Seifert, WSBOH Staff
 - Ron Weaver, Assistant Secretary, HSQA, Department of Health
 - Terry Tatko, Western Washington Area Health Education Center, Project HOPE
 - Hakeem Shakoor, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Najja Bullock, Lincoln High School, Health Occupations Promotion Program (HOPP)
 - Maria Benavides and Lisa Campbell-John, Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, ConneX: Connecting Students to Health Careers
- 3:15 p.m. 10. **School Indoor Air Quality Follow-Up**
 - Carl Osaki, WSBOH Member
 - Marianne Seifert, WSBOH Staff
 - Maryanne Guichard, Department of Health, Environmental Health and Safety Program Manager
 - Jude VanBuren, Department of Health, Environmental Health Assessment Program Manager**- Board Discussion and Possible Action**
- 4:15 p.m. 11. **Public Testimony**
- 4:30 p.m. **Adjournment**

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FYI

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As of: May 1, 2002

Conferences

Please note: This list is provided primarily for informational purposes. Due to the Governor's recent announcement of travel restrictions, Board members, staff and other state employees may not be able to attend these conferences unless they use personal resources

1. Gene(sis) Town Hall Meeting

Sponsored by: Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington

May 4, 2002, Town Hall Seattle, Seattle, WA

For more information visit their Web site at: www.gene-sis.net

2. Environmental Health: Protecting Children

Sponsored by: Washington State Environmental Health Association

May 8 -10, 2002, WestCoast Olympia Hotel, Olympia, WA

For more information call (425) 334-7915

3. Enhancing Environmental Health Practice in the 21st Century

Sponsored by: Public Health Training Network

May 9, 2002, A Public Health Training Network Satellite Broadcast 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm ET

For access to this program visit their Web site at: <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/>

4. Safe Table Forums: Can We Get Employer-Based Insurance Systems to Work Better?

Sponsored by: Health Policy Analysis Program

May 15, 2002, Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center, SeaTac, Washington

For more information call (206) 543-3670

5. Office Ergonomics

Sponsored by: Northwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety

May 22, 2002, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

For more information call (206) 543-6450

6. 7th Annual Meeting and Exposition

Sponsored by: American Telemedicine Association

June 2-5, 2002, Los Angeles, California

For more information call (866) 645-5618

7. Rural Washington: The Future Is In Our Hands

Sponsored by: Washington Rural Development Council

June 3-5, 2002, WestCiastr Gateway Hotel, Yakima, Washington

For more information visit their Web site at: www.yo-partner.com

8. 10th Annual Medicaid Managed Care Congress 2002

Sponsored by: The Institute for International Research, Healthcare Division

June 19-21, 2002, Hyatt Regency Bethesda, Bethesda, MD

For more information call (888) 670-8200

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Sponsored by: Institute for Diversity in Health Management

July 10- July 12, 2002, Swissotel Chicago, Chicago Illinois

For more information call (312) 422-2680

10. 8th Annual Picker Institute International Symposium: Improving the Patient Experience

Sponsored by: National Research Corporation

July 17- July 19, 2002, The Westin, Copley Place, Boston, MA

For more information, call (402) 475-2525 ext. 2655

11. 7th Annual National Prevention Symposium

Sponsored by: Comprehensive Health Education Foundation

July 31- August 02, 2002, The Madison Renaissance Hotel, Seattle, WA

For more information, call (800) 323-2433 ext. 129

12. 15th Annual State Health Policy Conference

Sponsored by: National Academy for State Health Policy

August 4- August 6, 2002, Philadelphia

For more information, call (215) 448-2000

13. Northwest Institute for Public Health Practice

Sponsored by: University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine

September 9-13, 2002, Seattle, Washington

For more information visit their Web site at: <http://nwcphp.org/niphp>

14. 7th Annual Quality Driven Disease Management –Closing the Gap

Sponsored by: Disease Management Congress

September 18-20, 2002, Sheraton Hotel And Towers, Chicago, Illinois

For more information, call (888) 882-2500

15. 13th Annual Northwest Wellness conference for Seniors

Sponsored by: Comprehensive Health Education Foundation

October 20-October 25, 2002, Seaside, Oregon

For more information, call (800) 323-2433

16. APHA 130th Annual meeting and Exposition

Sponsored by: American Public Health Association

November 9 – 13, 2002, Philadelphia, PA

For more information, call (202) 777-1470

Correspondence from the Board**1. Letters to Mary Selecky, Secretary of the Department of Health**

Source: Washington State Board of Health

A letter forwarding the board approved nominee for the Warren Featherstone Reid Award to Mary Selecky for final approval.

Correspondence to the Board

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Source: Office of the Governor

A directive reiterating the supplemental operating budget he signed, on April 5, 2002, for the 2001-2003 biennium.

2. Our City Reservoirs

Source: Nancy L Belcher, Ph.D.

An email to the Washington State Board of Health and Board Member Margaret Pageler, opposing the placement of tarps over the nine reservoirs in Seattle.

3. Frontline Hepatitis Awareness

Source: Ane Kunga Palmo, Founder

An email to the Washington State Board of Health, stating the urgency of testing for Hepatitis C. She states that 40 percent of the people who have it don't know that they do and 80 percent of the people who know that they have the virus don't know where or how that contracted it. Includes a flyer for Hepatitis Awareness Day being held on May 6th. Anonymous testing will be conducted.

4. Expansion of the Newborn Screening Program

Source: Dorothy Corry, Former Newborn Screening Committee

A letter to each of the board members, of the Washington State Board of Health, to show support for the expansion of the Newborn Screening Program. Ms. Corry relates her own success with newborn screening after her daughter was diagnosed with PKU.

5. Support for Expansion of the Newborn Screening Program

Source: Peggy Harris, WA State Co-Coordinator of Save the Babies through Screening Organization

Letters from several mothers and fathers who's children were saved and some who were not due to newborn screening of diseases. All of these letters show support for the expansion of Washington State's Newborn Screening Program to include many diseases that are not tested for now.

General Interest**1. Washington State Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Cost Offset Pilot Project: 2001 Progress report**

Source: Department of Social and Health Services

This report describes initial results from an ongoing study of outcomes associated with receiving treatment for chemical dependency within the SSI population.

2. Legal Principles for Washington State Lawmakers

Source: Attorney General of Washington

This document outlines the most fundamental legal principles to provide a ready reference for lawmakers.

3. 2001 Annual Report

Source: Washington Health Foundation

A report that outlines the steps and procedures that the Washington Health Foundation has taken to improve health care accessibility for everyone.

4. Washington State Planning Grant on Access to Health Insurance: HRSA Progress Report

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Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Following the pattern of most other states that received one year-grants, Washington State applied and received an extension beyond March 2002. At this point they anticipate continuing their work for several months. This report constitutes the second progress report to HRSA (the first was submitted in October 2001), with a final report due at the end of the revised grant period. The focus of the work is quite specific, it is about health insurance- who has it and who doesn't, why and what to do about it.

5. Environmental Health in Family Medicine

Source: International Joint Commission

A new curriculum for teaching and learning environmental health is a set of modules, which targets residents in family medicine, pediatrics and ob/gyn, practicing physicians and other health professions. The modules cover six content areas important to primary care: Lead, Indoor Air Quality, Pesticides, Clusters-Human Health and Water Quality and Persistent Organic Pollutants.

For more information please visit their Web site at: www.ijc.org

Publications**1. Bridges**

Source: Institute for Diversity in Health Management, Winter 2002

In this Issue: President's Message... Breaking the Barriers to Building the Business Case... Overcoming Resistance... Diversity IQ...Book ShelfOrg.... SEP Alumni Spotlight... Diversity Initiative...

For more information contact (800) 233-0996

2. Bioterrorism Scare Here Adds Urgency to Conference

Source: Seattle Times April 7, 2002

Many of the experts speaking at this week's three-day conference have a personal nightmare scenario. For some, it's as simple as imagining a futile scramble to find an after-hours telephone number for another agency in the midst of a major bioterror event. (Tom Locke and Craig McLaughlin quoted in this article)

For more information contact (206) 464-3113 or visit their website at www.seattletimes.com

6. Disease Management Advisor

Source: National Health Information, LLC, March 2002

In this Issue: Employer-driven DM is on the increase... New model creates a 'virtual world' for forecasting costs and outcomes... Interactive video offers new alternatives in caring for the chronically ill.

For more information, contact National Health Information at (404) 607-9500

7. Disease Management Advisor

Source: National Health Information, LLC, April 2002

In this Issue: Using DM to heighten compliance—and weight-loss... CA health plans get together on 'Pay for Performance' program... Consider stress management for diabetic patients... Nationwide effort highlights need for change regarding CVD in women.

For more information, contact National Health Information at (404) 607-9500

8. Disease Management & Quality Improvement Report

Source: American Governance & Leadership Group, LLC

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In this Issue: The Leader's Perspective: Concepts, Tools and Techniques in Opportunity Analysis...
Viewpoint: The Board of Directors' Role in Quality Improvement.

For more information, contact National Health Information at (909) 336-1586

9. Disparities: Cancer's Added Toll on the Poor

Source: The New York Times, April 23, 2002

In this Issue: Researchers seeking to determine why breast cancer is diagnosed later in blacks than in whites suggest that the disparity is a result of class, not race.

For more information visit their Web site at: www.nytimes.com

10. Health Data News

Source: Massachusetts Health Data Consortium, Inc. January 2002

In this Issue: Online Physician Directories Popular, yet Lack Standards... Panelist: Internet Would Speed Public Health Response in the Event of Bioterrorism... Health Plans to Share HIPAA Strategies.

For more information contact (202) 484-5261 or visit Web site at www.hschange.org

11. Issue Brief Findings from HSC

Source: Center for Studying Health Systems Change, April 2002

In this Issue: Prescription Drug Access: Not Just a Medicare Problem... Non-elderly Have Problems Affording Drugs... Low Income, Poor Health Compound Problems... Cost Containment Linked to Access Gaps... Policy Implications

For more information contact (202) 484-5261 or visit Web site at www.hschange.org

12. Plans Setting Higher Specialist co-pays

Source: American Medical News

In this Issue: Health plans are instituting tiered payments to put a lid on rising premiums. But doctors say they restrict access to care and imply some physicians are second-rate.

For more information visit their Web site at:

http://www.ama-assn.org/aci-pubs/amnews/pick_02/bil20401.htm

13. NewsBrief

Source: National Association of Local Boards of Health

In this Issue: The Public Health role in fighting terrorism... NALBOH Activities... The Board Doctor... Tech Tips... Injury and Violence Prevention resource round-up... Tobacco use in film and television.

For more information visit their Web site at: www.nalboh.org

14. NW Bulletin Family and Child Health

Source: Maternal Child Health Program University of Washington School of Public Health

In this Issue: Continuing Professional Education in MCH... MCHB Funding Training for Public Health Professionals... New Efforts to Develop our Public Health Workforce... Two MCH Pathways to Masters in Public Health... MCHB Grants to Graduate and Professional Schools

For more information visit their Web site at: <http://depts.washington.edu/nwbfcf/>

15. Public Health Reporting Flaws Spell Trouble

Source: American Medical News

In this Issue: Doctors complain about requirements that appear to lack follow-through.

For more information visit their Web site at:

http://www.ama-assn.org/sci-pubs/amnews/pick_02/hll20422.htm

16. Race/Ethnicity and Cancer Survival

Source: Journal of American Medical Association, Vol. 287, No. 16, April 16, 2002

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In this Issue: Blacks live shorter than whites in US society. A newborn in the United States in 1998 had an average life expectancy of 77.3 years if white, 71.3 if black. Furthermore, although life expectancy has increased by about 3 years overall since 1980, the 6-year disadvantage for blacks has not changed.

For more information visit their Web site at:

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/issues/v287/n16/ffull/jed20016.html>

17. Sharing the Excitement of Science

Source: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, March 2002

In this Issue: Powell's passion for science and business featured in Washington CEO... Powerful 16-ton magnet delivered for scientific research... WSU and PNNL join in building biosciences programs...

PNNL wins three awards for excellence in technology transfer... Scientists see vivid picture of DNA repair... New leader named for Energy Science and Technology.

For more information, contact PNNL at (888) 375-6550 or visit their website at www.pnl.gov

18. State Health Notes

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, April 8, 2002

In this Issue:

- Cover Story – Rates for medical malpractice insurance are again on the rise, especially for high-risk specialties. States, which have been down this road before, are gearing up to find solutions to a hard-to-ignore crisis.
- Behavioral Health News- State mental health systems are sorely lacking, a recent report has found. Here's a summary of some key shortcomings, including access, support services and quality of care.
- Highlights – MI Olmstead lawsuit... Quality of care initiative... AL governor's RX plan for seniors... Pharmaceutical industry study... Disparities in care: four reports... KS report on death of kids... Women, obesity and heart disease... Rural outreach grants... CO integration of mental, physical care... Binge drinking... MD accord on tobacco payout.
- Tracking Trends – Medicaid budgets are burgeoning and state legislators are looking for ways to cut costs. Some examples.
- FYI – A high divorce rate and low per capita income are intricately linked, a research team in Oklahoma found. In response the state has launched a \$10 million program to encourage couples to get-and stay-married.

For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.

19. State Health Notes

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, April 22, 2002

In this Issue:

- Cover Story – A paper published last month suggests that 14 million American kids between ages 2 and 17 or nearly one in four- are obese. Alarmed by the trend, states are searching for ways to encourage children to exercise and to cut down on the sodas and chips.
- State Speak- Minnesota Rep. Fran Bradley has a hectic session so far, working to close a \$2.4 billion budget gap and at the same time, trying to advance such causes as long-term care and quality assurance reforms.
- Highlights – The uninsured... Drug cost study... MD, UT tobacco tax hikes... Costs of smoking... Teen smoking study... IRS rule on obesity... Oral health grants... Race, breast cancer... WA, CA emergency contraceptive laws... Women's health in AZ... LA mental health telemedicine initiative.
- Tracking Trends – States are addressing a crisis in nursing home liability insurance costs. A look at 2002 legislation.

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- **FYI** – The STAR Bridge project in Houston, Texas helps coordinate behavioral, physical, and social services for low-income families.

For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.

20. Survival of Blacks and Whites After a Cancer Diagnosis

Source: Journal of American Medical Association, Vol.287 No. 16, April 16, 2002

In this Issue: In recent years a theory that cancer biology is different in blacks and whites has gained prominence in reaction to epidemiological observations that blacks have poorer survival than whites, even when diagnosed with cancer of similar severity. Yet, few studies have evaluated whether lower-quality treatment and shorter overall life expectancy due to a greater burden of other illnesses may explain the survival discrepancy.

For more information contact visit their Web site at

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/issues/v287n16/abs/jma10055.html>

21. The Source

Source: Bastyr University, Spring 2002

In this Issue: Bastyr holds special birthday party for Dr Bill Mitchell...Inaugural Signature Event Features Dr John Gray... Grad Cherie Calbom Squeezes Many Accomplishments Into a Dozen Yeas as “The Juice Lady”... Andrea Sullivan’s Naturopathic Career is a Crusade... \$1,145,000 Grant Trains Researchers... Pediatric Dermatologist Provides Unique Experience for Student Clinician

For more information visit their Web site at: www.bastyr.edu

22. Tracking Report

Source: Center for Studying Health Systems Change, March 2002

In this Issue: Treading Water: American’s Access to Needed Medical Care, 1997-2001

For more information contact (202) 484-5261 or visit Web site at www.hschange.org

23. U.S. Vaccine Supply Falls Seriously Short

Source: American Medical News

In this Issue: This special report on public health examines the causes of the current vaccine shortage in the U.S. and the bold efforts of the Gates Foundation to improve global health. Following is an analysis of the U.S. and Russian research programs on smallpox, which are generating heated debate over the virus’s destruction. A sidebar describes a ghoulish search for live smallpox in bodies frozen in the Arctic permafrost.

For more information visit their Web site at www.sciencemag.org

24. Washington Business

Source: Association of Washington Business

In this Issue: Coasting is no longer an option... On the Move... Those Snake River dams... Will Washington Shrug... Freight mobility strategic investment board... A transportation plan... Moses Lake grows with a diversified portfolio... Unemployment insurance taxes skyrocketing... Washington business week... Economic growth-key to environmental quality... Member profile: Simpson investment company.

For more information, contact AWB at (360) 943-1600.